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Attn: Camilia Faulk

Re: Comment on and Support for proposed Change to RPC 1.15A.

Dear Camilia:

This firm has reviewed the proposed change to RPC 1.15A and supports this change. As others have pointed out, placing wills, powers of attorney and other permanent documents in the attorney's safe deposit facility, without cost to any client, assures the safety of documents. For example, it is prudent to allow clients to store their will at the attorney's office to avoid it being lost, misplaced or ignored in the event of the death of the testator. It seems sensible to allow this type of storage without burdening the attorney to report annually that the original documents are held in the attorney's safety deposit box.

An extreme example of this issue is the firm presently holds the ashes of a decedent, which have been held for approximately 10 years. We have attempted to deliver these ashes to the heirs but have been ignored.

Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport & Toole, P.S. supports the proposed change to RPC 1.15A.

Very truly yours,

WITHERSPOON, KELLEY, DAVENPORT,
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